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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/424,498
Filing Date	November 24, 1999
Examiner Name	H. Schnizer
First Named Inventor	Schwarz
Group Art Unit	1653
Attorney Docket Number	20695D-001000US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other Information Disclosure Statement
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1840)

Complete If Known

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	740	2001	370	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee	
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fees from below	Fee Paid
	-**	=	
Independent Claims		X	
Multiple Dependent		X	

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

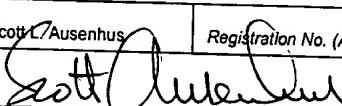
Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
	1051	130		2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
	1052	50		2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
	1053	130		1053	130	Non-English specification	
	1812	2,520		1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
	1804	920*		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
	1805	1,840*		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
	1251	110		2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
	1252	400		2252	200	Extension for reply within second month	
	1253	920		2253	460	Extension for reply within third month	
	1254	1,440		2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	920
	1255	1,960		2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
	1401	320		2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
	1402	320		2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
	1403	280		2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
	1451	1,510		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
	1452	110		2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
	1453	1,280		2453	640	Petition to revive – unintentional	
	1501	1,280		2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
	1502	460		2502	230	Design issue fee	
	1503	620		2503	310	Plant issue fee	
	1460	130		1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
	1807	50		1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
	1806	180		1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180
	8021	40		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
	1809	740		2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
	1810	740		2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
	1801	740		2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740
	1802	900		1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
	Other fee (specify) _____						

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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